

# **Minutes**

June 4, 2013

### ADVOCACY TASK FORCE

Human Services Department 234 N. Central Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl., Phoenix, AZ 85004

Call to Order –9:05 a.m.

• Roll Call: Quorum

Present: Shellie Frey, vice-chair (T); Belinda Hanson (T); Rodney Pack (T)

Staff: Dawn Zimmer; Martin Moreno

# Approval of Minutes – Action

 Rodney Pack made a motion to approve minutes from May 7, 2013; Belinda Hanson seconded, minutes were approved.

# • Focus on legislation/appropriations – Discussion

- Recent meetings noted Arizona allocations appear to what was anticipated:
  - 5% Youth
  - 5% Adult
  - 15% Dislocated Worker
- Funding allocations to local areas has not been determined.

## • Fall 2013 Employer Event -- Discussion

- Disability awareness: DOL theme for Oct. 2013
   <u>DOL news release 5/23/13</u> US Labor Department's Office of Disability Employment Policy announces theme for National Disability Employment Awareness Month, October 2013 "...the theme reflects the reality that people with disabilities have the education, training, experience and desire to be successful in the workplace."
- Group agreed early October event with this focus should be pursued; avoiding DES Mesa Career Fair planned for Oct. (no date yet) as well as MWC Board meeting (24<sup>th</sup>)
- Group agreed a DOL or ODEP (Office of Disability Employment Policy) representative would be a good keynote.
- Belinda will ask DES team members for leads
- Dawn will query DOL contact. (Ben Seigel, US DOL, Assoc. Dir. Center for Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, seigle.benjamin@dol.gov)
- Local partners to bring to the table will be proposed at July 2 meeting.

### Call to the Public

- Staff noted the MWC Board Retreat would be held at the Public Defender's Office, 6th Ave. and Jackson, 6/27
- Staff noted the ION would be routed for review once drafted; input and suggestions for content were encouraged.
- May ION focus on apprenticeships was appreciated and well received.
- Rodney mentioned that Torras Group is working with cities and towns, including CoP, to tour apprentice sites, to
  engage with and educate. Information will be sent to staff to inform and engage with County and other appropriate
  leadership.
- Adjournment Belinda made a motion that the meeting adjourn, Rodney seconded, meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.